

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 19, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed on December 14, 2006. Applicants submitted a response to the Final Office Action on November 20, 2006, within two months of the mailing of the Final Office Action as November 19, 2006 fell on a Sunday. This Amendment and accompanying RCE is submitted on January 19, 2007 with a one-month extension.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 8 and 9 under 35 USC § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,336,135 by Niblett et al. (Niblett). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections by the Office.

The Examiner rejected claims 2-7 and 10-16 under 35 USC § 103(a) over the combination of Niblett and U.S. Patent No. 6,193,153 by Lambert (Lambert). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections by the Office.

Claims 1, 3-5, 8-16 are pending after entry of the present Response.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C § 102(e)

Claims 1, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) over Niblett. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner remove the rejection because Niblett does not teach all of the elements of Applicants' claimed invention.

Niblett teaches the use of session identifiers. The session identifiers enable a client system which did not receive an expected full reply from an application program before a timeout, to contact the server again later on and, using the session identifier, to determine whether a response associated with that session identifier is still available (column 5, lines 27-34). Niblett teaches using a gateway program to construct session identifiers in response to a users' request to initiate a program through a browser. The gateway program constructs a

session, identified by a session identifier that is unique within the gateway (column 12, lines 33–40).

Where Niblett requires a user to access a gateway through a browser to generate an identifier, Applicants' claimed invention has an identifier associated with a user configured to connect the user with a stateless Human Interface Device (HID). Furthermore, Niblett fails to teach that the stateless HID is configured to display an active session when the user is connected to the stateless HID. Another aspect of Applicants' claimed invention not found in Niblett is that the stateless HID does not display the active session when the user is disconnected. Additionally, as claimed by Applicants and not taught by Niblett, the identifier is configured to provide a user access to the active session from a plurality of stateless HIDs.

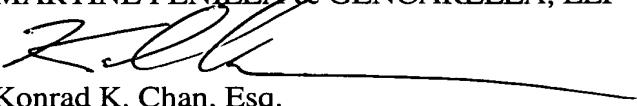
Niblett teaches a system that is capable of resuming a connection between a server and a browser and fails to teach all aspects of Applicant's claimed invention as discussed above. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on Niblett be removed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C § 103(a)

Claims 2-7 and 10-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Niblett and further in view of Lambert. Lambert discusses the use of acquiring biometric data. The teachings of Lambert do not cure the deficiencies of Niblett as discussed above. Combined, Niblett and Lambert fail to teach all elements of Applicants' claimed invention. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner remove the 103(a) rejection and a notice of Allowance is respectfully requested for the pending claims.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6911. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No SUNMP554). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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